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Bill Leonard Announces Free Santa Clarita Valley Small Business Fair

Bill Leonard, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), along with State Senators George Runner and Tom McClintock and Assembly Member Cameron Smyth today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will be featured at a free, one day Santa Clarita Valley Small Business Fair.

Representatives from the BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, Los Angeles County Office of Small Business, California Taxpayer Advocates and other local, state, and federal agencies will be available to assist attendees.

Event: Santa Clarita Valley Small Business Fair

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: Embassy Suites Valencia

28508 Westinghouse Place

Valencia, CA 91355 (Free Parking)

Presentations include:. Developing a Business Plan, Marketing Your Business, Financing Your Business, Employee or Independent Contractor, Basic Sales and Use Tax, Better Business Through Better Records, State Income Tax and Small Business, Sales and Use Tax: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls, Succeeding in Home-Based Business, and Contracting Opportunities.

For more information, please call 213-593-1311or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/scv_sbf%20inviteWeb.pdf. Attendees can register online at: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=86.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002 and reelected in November 2006. Prior to his election, Bill Leonard served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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